This is a little late in the century for the appearance of a boni fide 5 wizard, but if one is to be found the boundless West is the place he would naturally perform his operations. Consequently when Frank Melbourne engaged in the business of producing rain by supernatural agency at \$150 the half inch he showed a sense of the fit ness of things by selecting Cheyenne as his theater of action.

Government agents have been exploding giant powder among HARNESS & SADDLES. the clouds, and dynamite along the ground in Texas for the purpose of shaking reluctant showers out of the clouds. Reports of the Everything appertaining to a first success of their experiment are class harness shop. No extra gas mixed as facts are likely to be in used my harness blows for itself. traveling from West to East; but their experiments aroused consid- HardWare. erable interest and some hope in the hearts of those who are waging war with the elements in the parched districts.

None of them have succeeded as Melbourne has. He just turns Stoves, Tinware, Wall Paper, himsel loose and inside of a stipulated time has a quan ity of rain falling.

Here in Nevada Melbourne could do a rattling good business Hardware and Farming and would have little trouble in finding carital to back him. When the river mills shut down for want of water he might get a good shower in condition at the head of the river to fall at intervals as often as required. When STAPLE AND rain was produced in Cheyenne the 6ky was cloudless and the weather expert in the signal station declared that not a drop of rain was anywhere in sight. The wizard threw a shawl over the window of the building he had engaged and went to work. He knocked off for luncheon without having produced any effect and the groups which had collected on the sidewalks, making bets on the result, began to doubt his power. But at 2:30 P. M. clouds began to collect in the northeast and, after a little preliminary thunder and lightning, was precipitated; but the wizard cause a hard shower presently to THERF IS NO NECESSITY OF HATfall and he was as good as his word. About 4:30 the rain began Beef, Stall-fe +, again and this time the contract half-inch was provided. Subsequent inquiries showed that the storm had covered an area of about forty square miles with Cheyenne as the center and that it was brought on by the necromantic Melbourne nobody in Cheyenne doubts. The Sun of that city

said on the following day Melbourne filled his contract to the letter. He not only delivered the goods, but gave full measure. He was to drop one half inch of water over 200,000 acres of land. It was the heaviest rain of the season and extended in all directions from Cheyonne a distance of over twenty miles. It is a discovery of so much importance to the arid region that no trouble or expense should be spared to demonstrate the practicability of Melbourne's methods. If it proves a certainty the is no estimating its

The raise of San Francisco's assessment is very steep and talk of fighting it in the courts is heard. The assessment is undoubtedly fair, but an injustice is done, the greater part of the taxpayers of the city. It appears that the Assessor has been in cahoots with the corporations and rich firms. invaribly assessing them at nominal figures, while the masses have been assessed to the limit. Had the Assessor done his duty, the roll would have shown the figures to which it had been raised by the State Board of Equalization, which is prohibited from raising individual assessments and had to raise the assessment as a whole in order to do justice to the other counties of the State.

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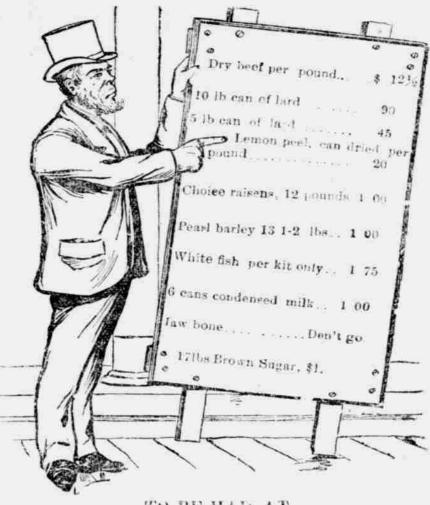
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